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MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATION

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NEWMANSTOWN, PA.
This Page Dedicated to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II from Millcreek Township

Russell W. Coldren
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Russell William Coldren

Russell William Coldren was born at Newmanstown January 30, 1920.

He was the son of Earl Coldren and Mrs. A. F. Kostenhader and a nephew of Mrs. Edith Peterson.

He graduated from Newmanstown High School in 1938 and from Rising Sun School of Aeronautics, Philadelphia in 1939, received aircraft and aircraft engine mechanics license from C.A.A.

He worked a short time testing propellers for Sensenick Propeller Factory at Lititz, worked one and a half years as airline mechanic with T. W. A. He took C.P.T. primary flying course at Harrisburg, Pa. C.P.T. Secondary, Cross Country and Instructors course at Hagerstown, Md.

Upon completion of these courses passed C.A.A. test and received commercial license and instructors rating.

He completed Flight Officer Course at University of Vermont, Burlington Vermont run by Northeast Airlines for the government. This course covered blind flying and multi-engine planes as transports and bombers.

He took a two months course at New York for Pan American Airlines after which he became a pilot for Pan American Airlines which included transporting passengers and supplies for the Navy to all parts of the world.

Sept. 1943 he left for India where he became a flight captain for China National Aviation Corporation transporting supplies from India to China.

On January 6, 1945 he had delivered his cargo to Kunning China and was returning to Dinjan, India by way of the "Hump" when he was caught in a severe storm and has been missing ever since. This route is considered the most difficult and hazardous in the world.